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Standardization & Special Property Branch
Division of Licensing
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Harold Bernard

License R-95, Docket 50-193

Gentlemen:

On Monday May 16, 1983, we discovered a seepage of reactor pool water from an area below the thermal column case. The water appears to be seeping from a horizontal construction joint in the concrete biological shield. A rough estimate of the volume is 160 cm³/hr.

The mass of concrete in this section of the reactor pool wall/shield contains considerable embedded piping for coolant lines, anti-siphon lines, demineralizer line and chemical additive lines. We are planning and carrying out procedures to attempt to isolate the leak.

The technical specifications for this reactor do not specify a pool leak rate. It is, therefore, not clear that this situation is reportable.

Very truly yours,

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